

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 22, 2004, and the references cited therewith.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-28 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 7, 8, 27, 28, 37, and 40 of co-pending Application No. 09/746,739 in view of Finnila. Applicant notes the provisional nature of this rejection, and will consider filing a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(b)(iv) should the co-pending application issue prior to issuance of the above claims herein to obviate these rejections.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-28 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Finnila (U.S. Patent No. 5,847,784). This rejection is respectfully traversed. The elements identified in the reference do not correspond to the claimed invention. As such, a prima facie case of anticipation has not been established, and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 1 refers to a plurality of display devices that are divided into a plurality of sections. With respect to the example of FIG. 1, two display devices 12 are shown, and each is divided into sections 32. There is no corresponding structure in Finnila. The Office Action indicates that reference number 18 corresponds to the display devices. At Col. 3, line 67 et seq., reference number 18 is referred to as a light valve, while reference number 14 is referred to as an image display. A light valve is quite different from an image display. Thus, the basis for the rejection is believed based on an incorrect interpretation of the elements of Finnila, and Finnila does not show the invention as claimed.

The Office Action also indicates that reference 18 is divided in FIG. 5. This appears irrelevant, as 18 is a light valve, not a display device. There is no teaching observed in Finnila that an image display is divided into a plurality of sections as claimed. Since the claimed structure is not described in Finnila, the rejection should be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

Applicant reserves the right to point out further differences between the reference and the claimed invention.

Each of the independent claims references a plurality of display devices, where each display device provides a plurality of sectional images. Since Finnila does not describe such a structure, a prima facie case of anticipation has not been established, and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6972 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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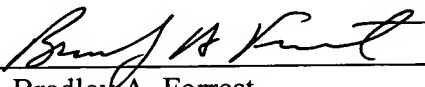
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